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TAGS: BGEN, AG, US
SUBJECT: GOODYEAR PAYMENTS PROBLEM

REF: STATE 303147 (NOTAL)

1. BRYAN AND SPRANG DID VISIT EMBASSY IN NOVEMBER. WE AGREED TO ASSIST GOODYEAR IN DEALING WITH PROBLEM OF RECEIVING PAYMENT ON 1,447,980 FRENCH FRANCS (NOT \$862,000) WORTH OF INVOICES FROM GOODYEAR MAROC. THESE ARE INVOICES FOR WHICH SONATRACH HAS APPROVED PAYMENT BUT WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BECAUSE THE BANQUE EXTERIEURE REFUSES TO RELEASE FOREIGN EXCHANGE, APPARENTLY FOR REASONS RELATED TO STATE OF ALGERIAN/MOROCCAN RELATIONS. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER INVOICES FOR WHICH SONATRACH HAS NOT YET APPROVED PAYMENT BUT WE SUGGESTED, AND BRYAN AND SPRANG ACCEPTED, THAT WE SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED WITH THESE.

2. WE ASKED BRYAN AND SPRANG TO PUT DETAILS IN A LETTER, WHICH THEY AGREED TO DO. THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WOULD NOT ACT UNTIL LETTER RECEIVED. SPRANG WROTE TO US NOVEMBER 15 BUT LETTER, WITH ATTACHMENTS GIVING FULL DETAILS, RECEIVED HERE ONLY ON DECEMBER 13 (ALTHOUGH A COPY OF THE LETTER, WITHOUT ATTACHMENTS, WE RECEIVED WEEKS EARLIER).

3. WE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENT AT THE BANQUE EXTERIEUR.LYNE

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